

He also coaches soccer and basketball teams.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I was struck by something I once read that Mr. Sutton wrote in the Columbus Dispatch about former Supreme Court Justice Powell. In describing Justice Powell's practical voice on the court, he wrote the following, and I quote, "Justice Powell never lost sight of the context in which each decision was made and the people, the people, that it would affect. He believed in people more than ideas and experience, and experience, more than ideology, and in the end embraced a judicial pragmatism that served the country well."

Mr. Chairman, I believe this same description applies to Mr. Sutton. He will approach the bench in the same pragmatic, tempered and very thoughtful way.

I appreciate the chairman's time, and I yield the floor.

Chairman HATCH. Well, thank you. Thank you, Senator.

We will call the three nominees, Hon. Deborah Cook Mr. John Roberts and Professor Jeffrey Sutton to the witness table, and if you will stand and raise your right hands.

Do you solemnly agree to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so you help you God?

Justice COOK. I do.

Mr. ROBERTS. I do.

Mr. SUTTON. I do.

Chairman HATCH. We will start with you, Justice Cook. If you have any opening statement, we would like you to introduce your families again and those who are with you. We are just delighted to have you here, and we look forward to completing this hearing.

STATEMENT OF DEBORAH L. COOK, NOMINEE TO BE CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

Justice COOK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My family has been introduced, but I would like to introduce one additional friend who has appeared today with me, and it is Mr. Robin Weaver. Robin is a partner with the international firm of Squires, Sander and Dempsey. He is in the home office in Cleveland, and Robin also serves as the president of the Cleveland Bar Association, and he was kind enough to come today, and I wish to thank him and introduce him to the committee.

Chairman HATCH. We are delighted to have you hear, Mr. Weaver. I have heard of you, and we are very privileged to have you in our audience today.

Justice COOK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman HATCH. Do you care to make any statement?

Justice COOK. I won't reintroduce my family.

Chairman HATCH. That will be fine.

Justice COOK. They were good enough to already stand.

Chairman HATCH. Do you have a statement?

Justice COOK. I have no statement.

Chairman HATCH. That will be fine.

Justice COOK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman HATCH. Mr. Roberts, we will turn to you.